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Applicant: Baber Amin and Hashem Mohammad Ebrahimi
Serial No.: 09/620,176
Filed: July 20, 2000
For: COMPUTER NETWORK HAVING A SECURITY LAYER INTERFACE
INDEPENDENT OF THE APPLICATION TRANSPORT MECHANISM

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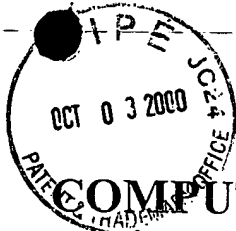
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The Notice is in error. Eight drawing sheets were deposited with the rest of the Application on July 20, 2000. A copy of the drawings, as originally filed, is enclosed.

Also enclosed are copies of the Certificate of Express Mailing and the transmittal letter, each of which is dated July 20, 2000 and each of which refers to the 8 drawing sheets deposited with the Application on that date.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Express Mail receipt, stamped by the United States Postal Service with the Application deposit date, July 20, 2000.

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Filed herewith is an application for letters patent for a COMPUTER NETWORK HAVING A SECURITY LAYER INTERFACE INDEPENDENT OF THE APPLICATION TRANSPORT MECHANISM, in the name of inventors Baber Amin and Hashem Mohammad Ebrahimi, comprising 33 pages of specification and claims, and 8 sheets of drawings.

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e) of the commonly owned prior provisional application serial no. 60/186,149 filed March 1, 2000.

An Assignment and Recordation Cover Sheet are enclosed.

An Inventors' Declaration with Power of Attorney is enclosed. A Change of Address from the address stated in the Declaration is also enclosed.

A First Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449, and 12 references are enclosed.

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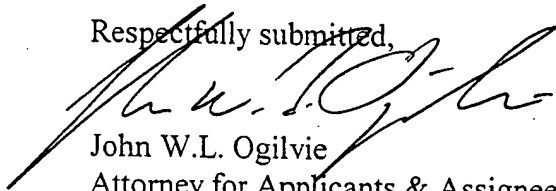
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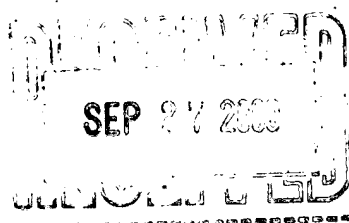


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All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

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- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*

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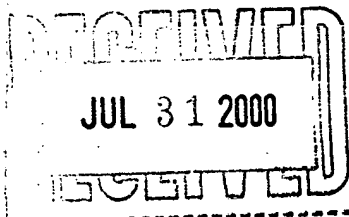
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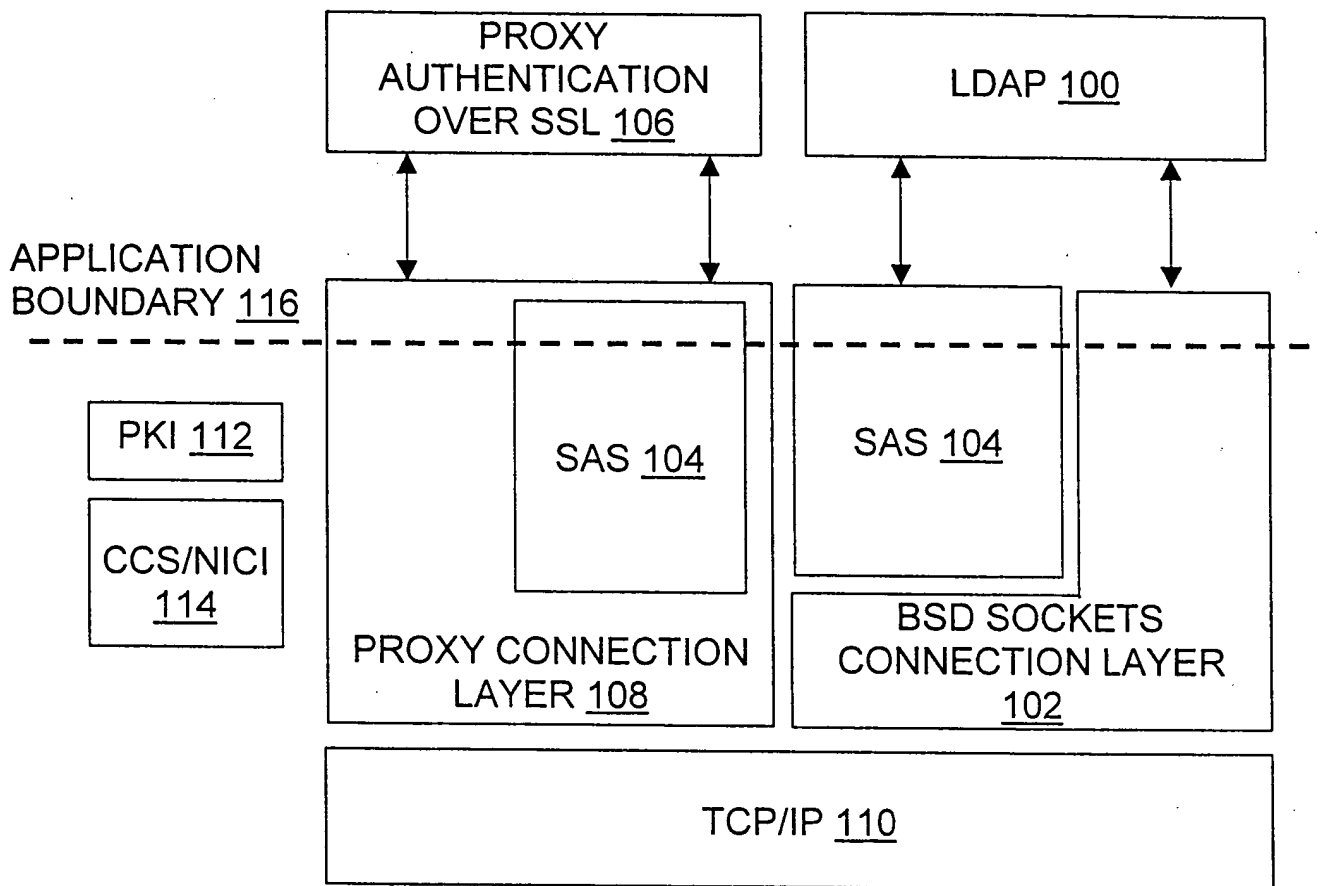
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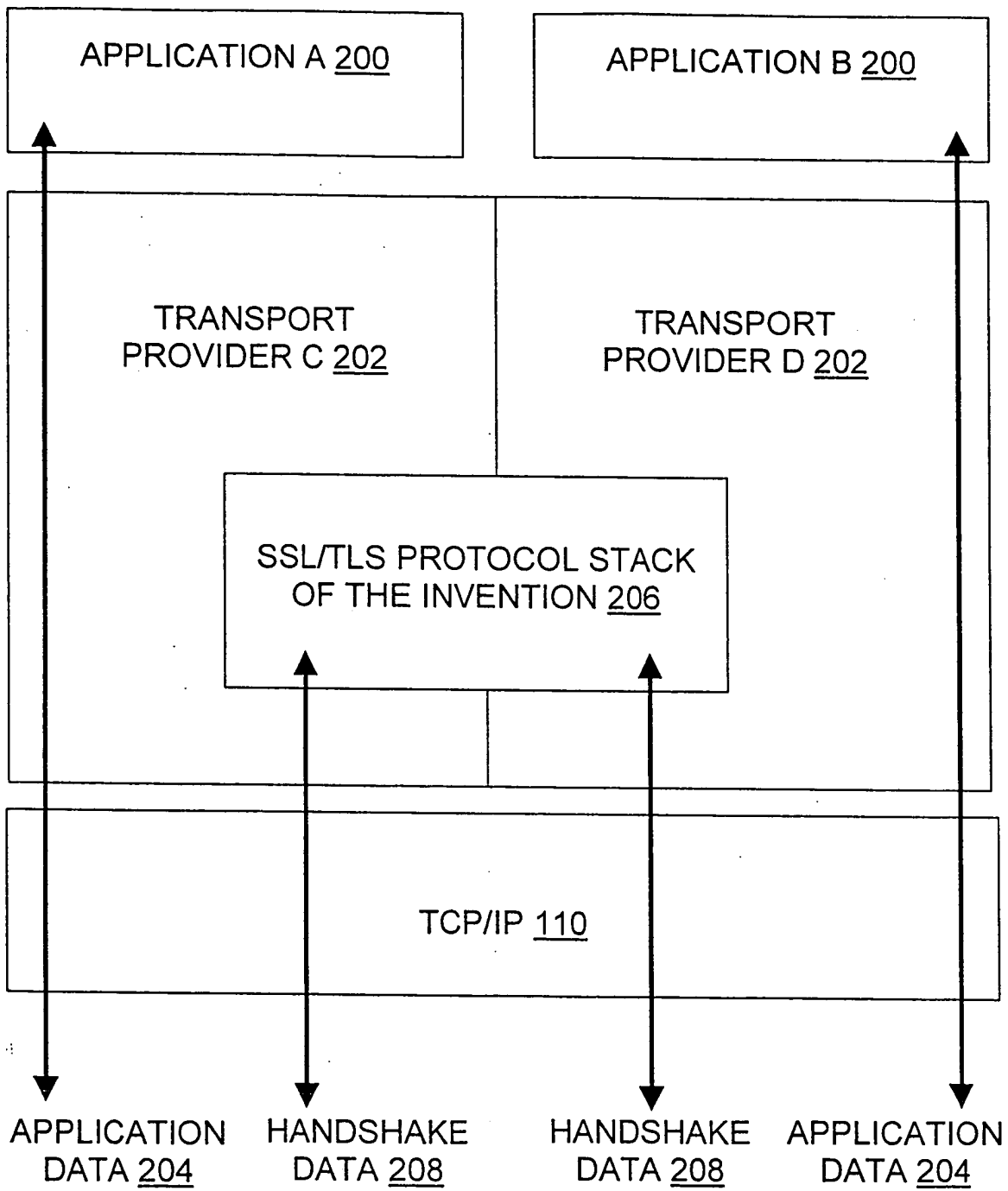


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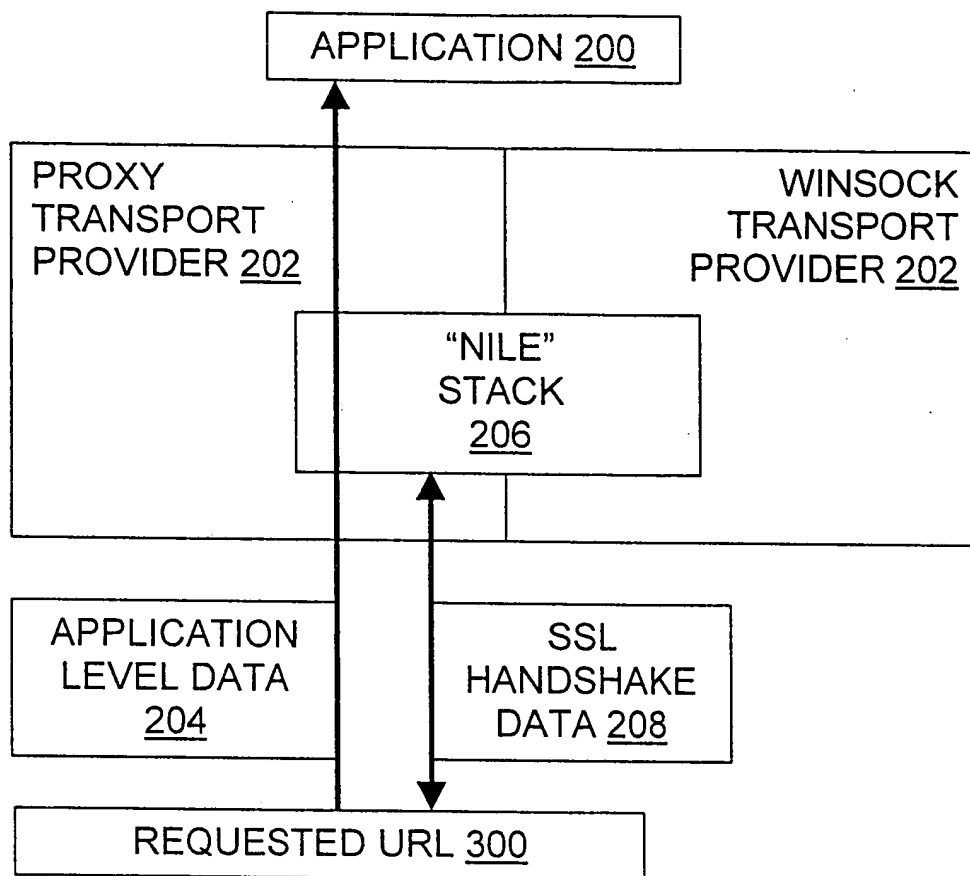


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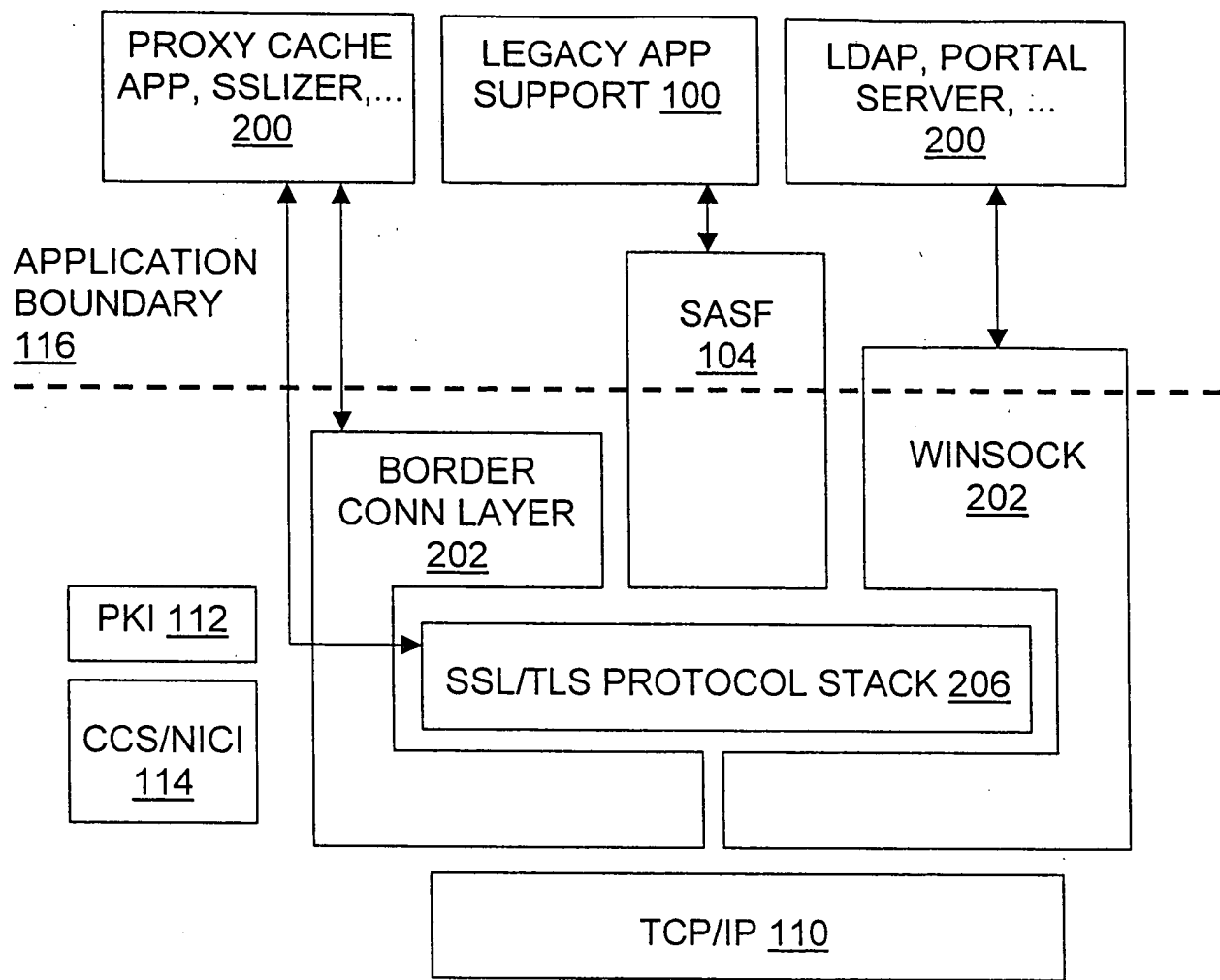


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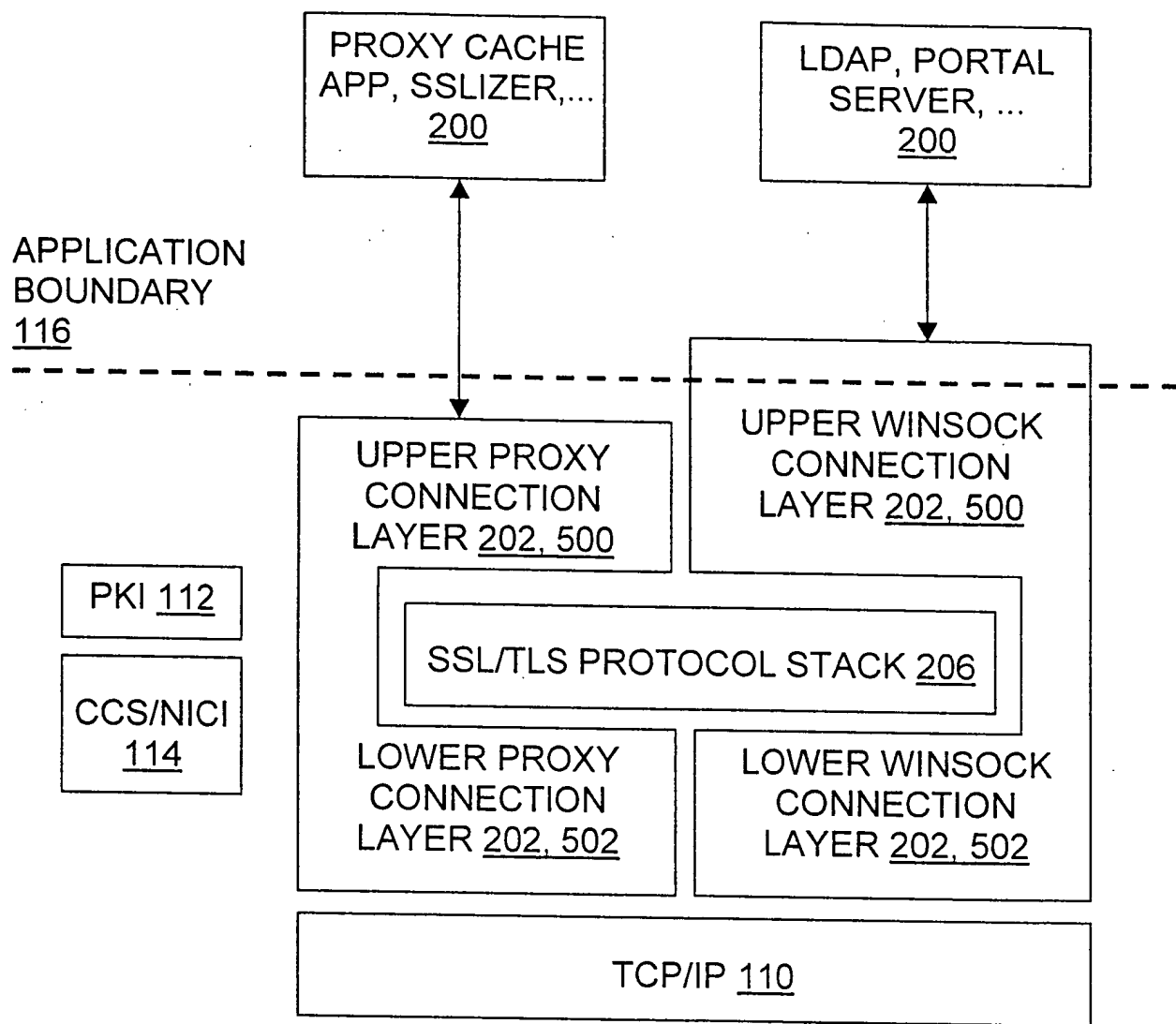


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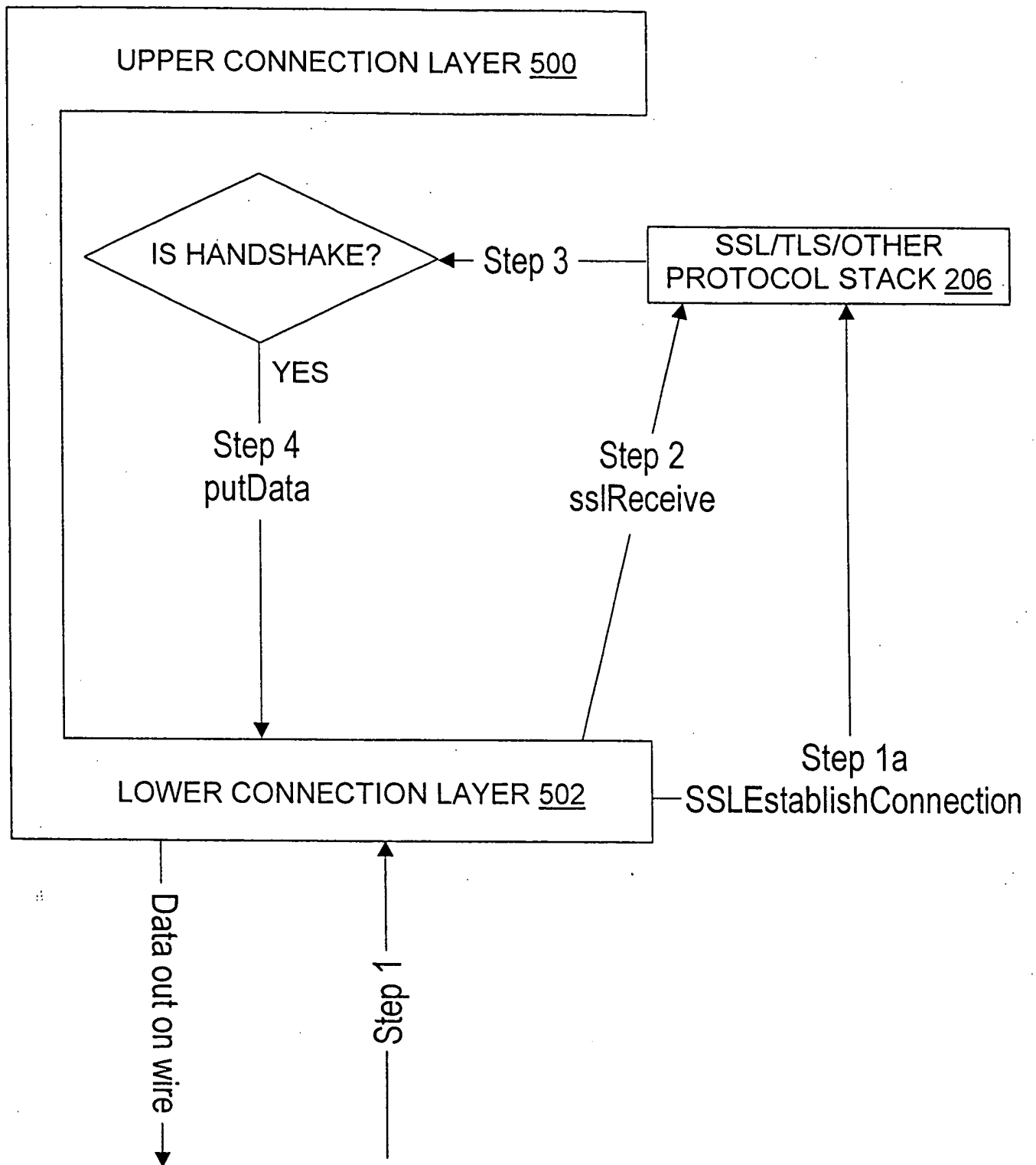


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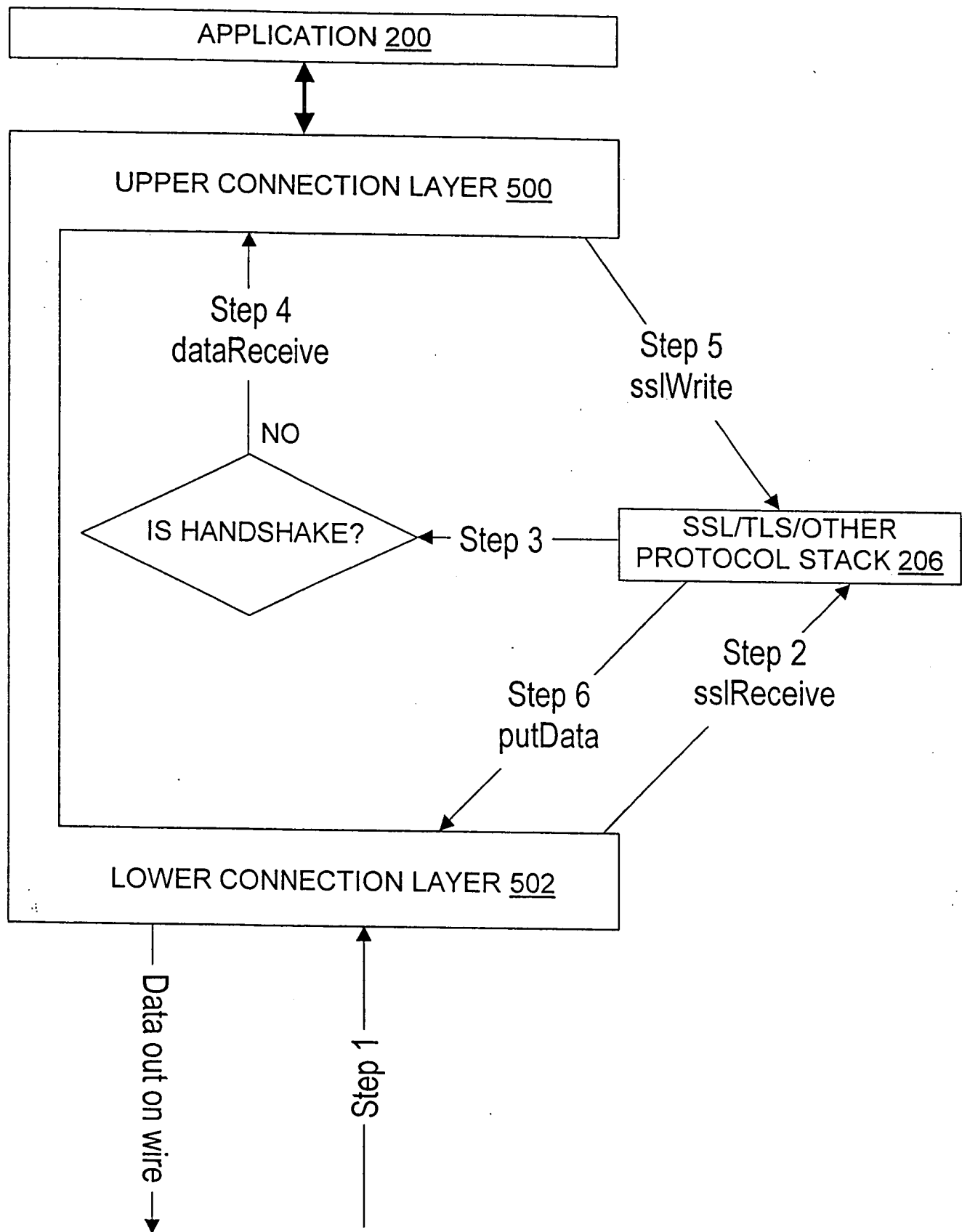


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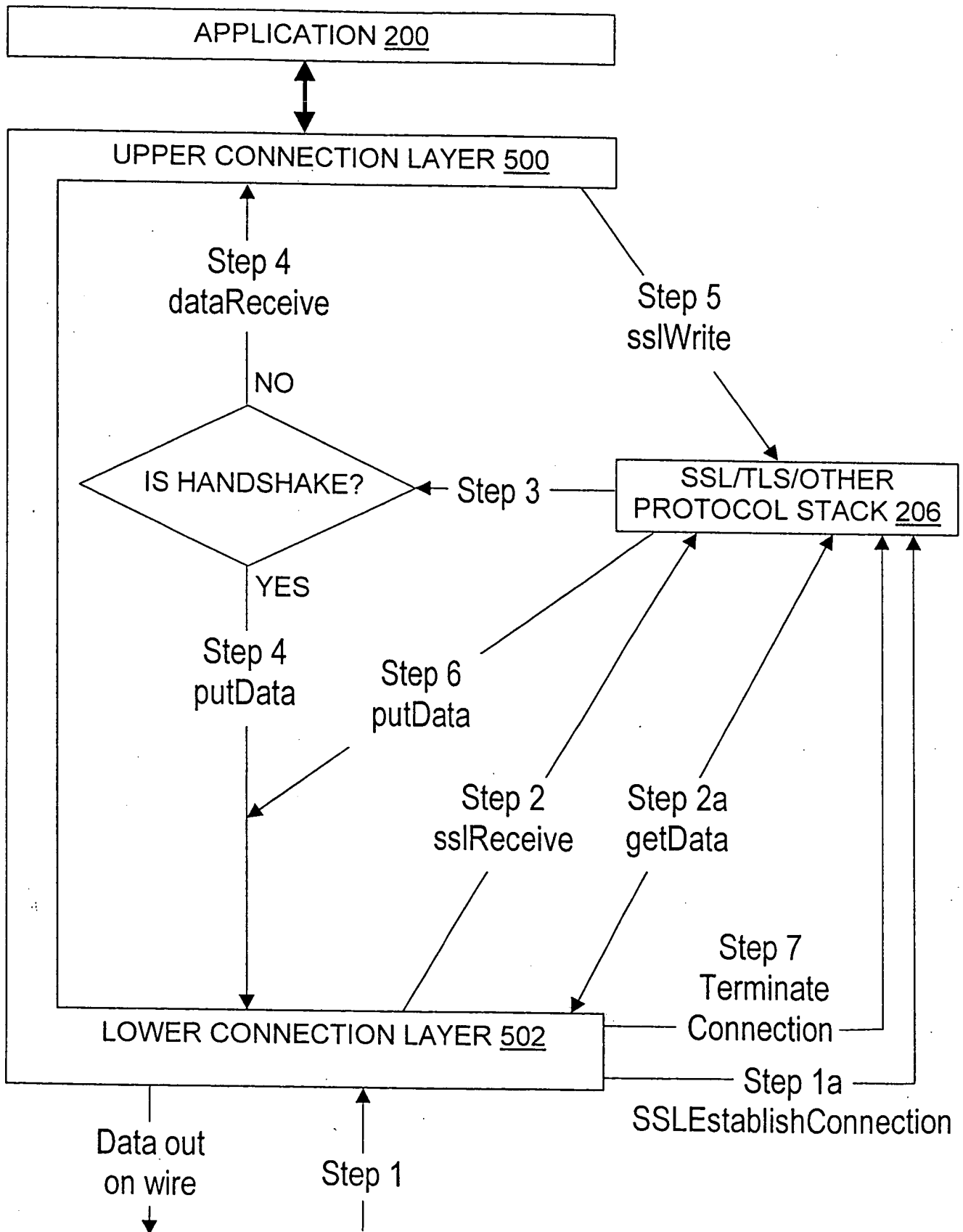


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